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STATEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PROGRAMME COMMITTEE ON ITS MEETINGS HELD AT UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS FROM 24 TO 29 APRIL 1991 AND ON 3 MAY 1991

I. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

1. The Programme Committee of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) met from 24 to 29 April 1991 and on 3 May 1991.

2. The Committee adopted the provisional agenda contained in document E/ICEF/1991/1/Rev.2.

II. PROPOSALS FOR UNICEF COOPERATION AND PROGRAMME REVIEWS (E/ICEF/1991/P/L.2 AND CORR.1 AND ADD.1)

3. The Programme Committee recommends the following draft recommendations for adoption by the Executive Board:

The Executive Board

1. Approves the following recommendations of the Executive Director for programme cooperation as summarized in documents E/ICEF/1991/P/L.2 and Corr.1 and Add.1:

(a) $259,140,000 for general resources funding, of which $250,751,000 are for new general resources funding, and $427,092,000 for supplementary funding for programme cooperation in Asia;

(b) $144,113,000 for general resources funding, of which $140,162,000 are for new general resources funding, and $196,460,000 for supplementary funding for programme cooperation in Africa;

(c) $47,050,000 for general resources funding, of which $46,241,000 are for new general resources funding, and $69,745,000 for supplementary funding for programme cooperation in the Middle East and North Africa;

(d) $23,108,000 for general resources funding, of which $22,148,000 are for new general resources funding, and $48,700,000 for supplementary funding for programme cooperation in the Americas and the Caribbean;

(e) $99,030,000 for general resources funding and $57,010,000 for supplementary funding for the following interregional and other programmes: the International Child Development Centre; the Bamako Initiative; children in especially difficult circumstances; control of iodine deficiency disorders; the eradication of dracunculiasis; the interregional fund for programme preparation, promotion and evaluation; regional support for programme preparation, promotion and evaluation; replenishment and raising the ceiling of the Emergency Reserve Fund to $5 million; the Mortality Reduction Reserve; and the establishment of a vaccine independence initiative;

2. Approves an amount of $345,916 to cover overexpenditure.

III. OTHER DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

4. The Programme Committee further recommends the following draft recommendations for adoption by the Executive Board:

(a) Children's Vaccine Initiative (E/ICEF/1991/CRP.39), including an amount of $2 million ($1 million in 1991 and $1 million in 1992) from general resources; and $10 million ($5 million for 1991 and $5 million for 1992) in supplementary funds;

(b) Emergency operations, including an additional amount of $2 million for the Emergency Reserve Fund (E/ICEF/1991/CRP.33);

(c) The role of UNICEF in support of sustainable national health care systems (E/ICEF/1991/CRP.27);

(d) Convention on the Rights of the Child (E/ICEF/1991/CRP.28);

(e) The role of UNICEF in World Summit follow-up (E/ICEF/1991/CRP.30);

(f) Central and Eastern Europe (E/ICEF/1991/CRP.31);

(g) Children and mothers: victims of the accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant (E/ICEF/1991/CRP.34);

(h) The role of UNICEF in the promotion and support of breast-feeding (E/ICEF/1991/CRP.35);

(i) Ensuring child survival, protection and development in Africa (E/ICEF/1991/CRP.38);

(j) Global and interregional programmes and other special purpose funds (E/ICEF/1991/CRP.40);

(k) The role of UNICEF in combating acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (E/ICEF/1991/CRP.41);

(l) Accelerated programme implementation to meet the needs of children and their families in countries most affected by the Gulf crisis (E/ICEF/1991/CRP.42);

(m) Assistance to Palestinian children (E/ICEF/1991/CRP.43);

(n) The Bamako Initiative (E/ICEF/1991/CRP.44).